1	2	3	4	5	6	7
11.	Saharsa	—	—	—	1	1
12.	Supaul	—	—	—	1	1
13.	Siwan	—	—	—	1	1
14.	Sitamarhi	—	—	—	1	1
15.	Gaya	—	—	—	1	1
16.	Samastipur	—	1	—	—	1
17.	Darbhanga	—	1	—	—	1
18.	Lohardaga	—	1	—	—	1
19.	Gopalganj	—	1	—	—	1
20.	Madhepura	—	1	—	—	1
	Total:	—	6	—	19	25

Purchase of Maritime Surveillance Radar

459. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Israel has offered to supply maritime surveillance radar ELM-2022-A, that can be fitted on to patrol copters to counter the threat posed by acquisition of P-3c Orion maritime surveillance aircraft from United States by Pak Navy, if so, the details of offer made;

(b) whether the offer has been accepted; if so, the details of the decision taken; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI N.V.N. SOMU): (a) An offer has been received from Israel for a maritime surveillance radar.

(b) and (c) No decision has been taken in the matter.

मृत भूतपूर्व सैनिकों के आश्रितों को नौकरियां प्रदान किया जाना

460. **श्री अजीत जोगी: क्या रक्षा मंत्री** यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) मृत भूतपूर्व सैनिकों के उन आश्रितों की संख्या कितनी है जिन्हें नौकरी दी गई है तथा उन आश्रितों की संख्या कितनी है जिन्हें नौकरी नहीं दी गई है;

(ख) उन्हें अब तक नौकरी न दिए जाने के क्या कारण हैं; और

(ग) इस संबंध में न्यूनतम आयु-सीमा क्या है?

रक्षा मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री एन०वी०एन० सोमू): (क) और (ख) रोजगार के मामले में दिवंगत "भूतपूर्व सैनिकों" के आश्रितों को कोई विशेष छूट नहीं दी जाती है।

(ग) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

भारतीय आकाश में पाकिस्तानी विमान का घुस आना

461. **श्री राघवजी:** क्या रक्षा मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि कच्छ (गुजरात) की तरफ से पाकिस्तान का एक विमान भारतीय आकाश में घुस आया था तथा उसे भारतीय सेना द्वारा मार गिराया गया था, यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है;

(ख) उक्त विमान के भारतीय आकाश में प्रवेश का क्या मकसद था;

(ग) क्या सरकार ने पाकिस्तान की सरकार के समक्ष इस घटना पर आपत्ति जतायी है, यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(घ) इस संबंध में पाकिस्तान सरकार की क्या प्रतिक्रिया है?

रक्षा मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री एन० वी० एन० सोमू): (क) से (घ) भारतीय वायुसेना ने 15 जनवरी, 1997 को एक घुसपैठिये पायलटरहित वायुयान पर गोलीबारी की थी। उस वायुयान का कोई

मलबा बरामद नहीं हुआ है। दूरचालित पायलट रहित वायुयान उत्तर-पश्चिम की तरफ से आया था। परंतु इसके पीछे उसका क्या उद्देश्य था, इसका पता नहीं लगाया जा सका। दोनों देशों के बीच हुए हवाई क्षेत्र उल्लंघन के निवारण संबंधी द्विपक्षीय करार के खिलाफ भारतीय हवाई क्षेत्र में हुई इस घुसपैठ का विरोध, राजनयिक माध्यमों द्वारा पाकिस्तान को दर्ज किया गया था। पाकिस्तान सरकार ने अपने वायुयान द्वारा ऐसी कोई घुसपैठ किए जाने से इंकार किया है।

Induction of 'Trishul' with the Armed Forces

462. SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:
SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether 'Trishul', the Surface to Air Missile was successfully test fired on December 20, 1996;

(b) if so, the main features of the missile and how far it was successful; and

(c) by when the 'Trishul' missiles are likely to be deployed with the armed forces?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI N.V.N. SOMU): (a) /Trishul missile was flight tested on 28th December, 1996.

(b) Trishul is short range quick reaction surface-to-air missile. During the developmental flight test of the missile on 28th December, 1996 after successful take off some deviations were observed. However, the main objective of evaluating the command guidance during initial flight was gone through successfully as per mission requirements. Series of flight trials will be commencing.

(c) Trishul mission will enter the user's trial phase during the second half of 1997 after which it will enter the production and induction phase.

Upgradation of battle tanks

463. DR. MOHAN BABU:
DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR:
SHRIMATI JAYAPRADA NAHATA:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is an expert opinion that inspite of several modifications and improvements in the past two years, the MBT Arjun may not meet the basic requirements of availability and dependability; and

(b) if so, whether Government propose to upgrade manufacture the time tested Russian T-72 MIS to keep up the battle worthiness of the Army?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI N.V.N. SOMU): (a) No, Sir. The main battle tank (MBT) ARJUN, which has been cleared for production by the Army, is a state-of-the art tank comparable to contemporary world class tanks, which will meet the requirements of availability and dependability.

(b) Upgradation of T-72 (MI) tank is proposed to be done to maximise its useful life span in the Army, concurrently with production and induction of the state-of-the-art MBT ARJUN.

Purchase of Defence Equipments Through PSUs

464. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Defence equipment purchased by Government through the Defence Public Sector Units during the last three years; and

(b) whether it is a fact that said deals were negotiated by these Defence Public Sector Units through the agents of foreign manufacturers of defence equipment, who are based in New Delhi?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI N.V.N. SOMU): (a) and (b) Defence Public Sector units have supplied defence